

**Minutes of the
Idaho Nursery and Florist Advisory Committee Meeting
8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. January 22, 2005
State House Inn
Boise, Idaho**

In Attendance:

Howard Hughes, Hughes Greenhouses, Post Falls, ID – Committee Chairman
Bill Dial, Custom Pools, Inc., Boise, ID – Committee Member
Kevin Allen, Pro-Care Landscape Services, Meridian, ID – Committee Member
David Jenkins, Jenkins & Son Christmas Trees, Inc, Sandpoint, ID – Committee Member
Matt Wolff, Baxter Wholesale Nursery, Emmett, ID – Committee Member
Dr. James E. Johnson, University of Idaho – University of Idaho Representative
Michael E. Cooper, Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) – ISDA Representative
Gary Paulson, Trail Creek Nursery, Victor, ID – Committee Member

Guests:

Ann Bates, Idaho Nursery and Landscape Association
Dana Moss, Idaho Nursery and Landscape Association
Dr. Robert Tripepi, University of Idaho
Gene Andrews, Bonners Ferry Nursery, INLA

NOTE: *These minutes were approved by e-mail review of a majority of the committee members February 9-16, 2005*

Chairman Hughes called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Old Business:

Minutes of the November 4, 2004 teleconference were reviewed and discussed. Gary Poulson asked about the allocation of educational outreach funds and how they would be disbursed. Chairman Hughes explained that the fund could be applied for by groups as needed and approved by the Chair up to the limit approved by the Committee. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes.

Idaho State Florist Association, Deborah Lyon, 1165 Tamarix Dr., Idaho Falls, ID 83404 – Howard has had a conversation with them concerning the availability of educational funds. There was a lot of discussion about how, when, and where education dollars may be utilized. A motion was made and seconded that the Chairman be allowed to approve requests for educational funding within the financial limits previously approved by the committee for that purpose - and with the concurrence of the ISDA representative to the Committee. All requests will be forwarded to committee members for their information. The motion was approved by the full Committee.

A discussion took place about how to get grant reports in on time. It was decided that the grant award letters would include information to re-enforce the necessity of getting reports or updates in on time and the consequences of not doing so. A motion was made and seconded to approve the addition of reporting requirements to grant award letters.

Review of Final Reports:

- 1) NAC/ISDA 2003-7 \$13,008 “Using Degree-Day and Plant Phenological Models to Accurately Time Chemical Treatment of White Pine Weevil in Conifer Nurseries.” – John Lloyd, Robert

Wilson, and Edward Bechinski, University of Idaho. Dave Jenkins expressed concerns about the sample size being too small, the number of research sites is too large, and the need to better identify trees being trapped. A motion was made and seconded to approve the final report and the request to extend the study. The report was then approved by the full committee. Grant Balance outstanding \$6,504.

2) NAC/ISDA 2004-1 \$4,258 “Holding Bareroot Colorado Spruce Trees in a Gravel Bed” - Robert Tripepi & John Lloyd, University of Idaho. A motion was made and seconded to approve the final report. The report was then approved by the full committee. Grant Balance outstanding is \$0.

3) NAC/ISDA 2004-2 \$8,398 “Evaluating Pinyon Pine and Subalpine Fir Root Growth in a Gravel Bed Growing System” - Robert Tripepi, University of Idaho. A motion was made and seconded to approve the final report. The report was then approved by the full committee. Grant Balance outstanding is \$4,199.

4) NAC/ISDA 2004-3 \$3,700 “Evaluation of Corkbark and Subalpine Fir for Their Potential as Ornamental Nursery Stock and Christmas Trees” - Dr. Dan Barney, University of Idaho. There is some question that this project may result in patentable cultivars that needs to be resolved and what is meant by “named and released” on page four last paragraph. A motion was made and seconded to approve the final report and the request to extend the study. The report was then approved by the full committee. Grant Balance outstanding is \$0.

5) NAC/ISDA 2004-5 \$15,000 “Effect of Holding Treatments on the Health of Transplanted Conifers” - John Lloyd, Robert Tripepi, Jennifer Wood, University of Idaho. A motion was made and seconded to approve the final report. The report was then approved by the full committee. Grant Balance outstanding is \$7,500.

6) NAC/ISDA 2004-6 \$5,000 “Alternative Practices for Aphid & Honeydew Management on Landscape Trees” – John Lloyd & Steve Nittolo, University of Idaho. The report submitted was really a year end with a final forth coming when? A motion was made and seconded to approve this year-end. The report was then approved by the full committee. Grant Balance outstanding is \$0.

NASS Report - Gary Poulson would like to know of NASS why the nursery statistic are not included on page 2 of the page concerning where Idaho standings in the national ranks are. *On January 26th Mike Cooper visited with Don Gerhardt on this topic and Don said that the rankings on that page were based on production values and all nursery survey data was done on an economic value. He was able to show a summary from the USDA Economic Research Service that showed a national ranking of the nursery industries in the various states that had Idaho ranked 33rd. A copy of the study is attached to this report.*

New Business:

Ann Bates expressed the concern that the attendance of grant applicants may unfairly favor the granting of attendees over those who cannot attend. Ann is concerned that perhaps not everyone knows that the meeting is open to the public. The meeting is open to the public per the Idaho open meetings law, but the chairman has the authority to recognize or not recognize guests. The committee may be allowed to go into executive session to conduct business in private, but the legalities of an executive session need to be explored. Ann also presented the minutes of the Idaho Nursery and Landscape Associations Research committee for consideration by the committee in the review of grant proposals (See Below).

- 1) NAC/ISDA 2005-1 \$10,000 “Development of Improved Landscape Plants” - Harold Pellet, PhD, Landscape Plant Development Center, Minnesota. The comment was made “if there is another possible site in Idaho with harsher conditions.” We could ask that how the result and conclusions are applicable to Idaho conditions be addressed. A motion was made and seconded to Fund this proposal at \$5,000 for this year. That motion was then approved by the full committee.
- 2) NAC/ISDA 2005-2 \$23,391.85 “How the Green Industry Impacts Idaho” - Sandra Cann, University of Idaho. The timeline is unrealistic to expect to get results from the industry at that time of year it. Will the data from this project be compared with data generated from the previous survey in 1999? A motion was made and seconded to fund this proposal contingent upon adjustment of the timeline to a timeframe more suitable to the industry and the survey format and definitions be approved by the INLA prior to distribution. That motion was then approved by the full committee.
- 3) NAC/ISDA 2005-3 \$4,600 “Evaluation of Corkbark and Subalpine Fir for Their Potential as Ornamental Nursery Stock and Christmas Trees” - Dr. Dan Barney, University of Idaho. Concerns regarding the data collection of the material planted in Oregon were expressed and is that what the additional funding is for? The collection of the Oregon data is a priority for the committee and should be used in lieu of the travel funds being used to attend the INLA Horticulture show. A motion was made and seconded to fund this proposal. That motion was then approved by the full committee.
- 4) NAC/ISDA 2005-4 \$10,836 “Using Auxin Treatments to Improve Pinyon Pine Transplant Survival” - Robert Tripepi, University, University of Idaho. The question was asked by the INLA research committee “is it possible to add amendments to the field soil so the research is more realistic to a grower’s environment.” A motion was made and seconded to fund this proposal. That motion was then approved by the full committee.
- 5) NAC/ISDA 2005-5 \$13,966 “Transplanting Grand Fir to a Gravel Bed” - Robert Tripepi, University, University of Idaho. A motion was made and seconded to deny funding this proposal. That motion was then approved by the full committee.

Budget

Mike Cooper reported that there was \$133,910.00 in the research fund and that about \$35,402 of the fund is committed to support grants already approved, the NASS report (\$1,000), education outreach (\$10,000 - \$5,000 Nursery and \$5,000 Florists) and \$2,000 to the Horticultural Research Institute. The current spending authority is \$60,000 and a request will be file with the Idaho State Department of Agriculture's FY2007 budget for an additional \$40,000 dollars of spending authority.

Other New Business

Dr. Johnson informed the committee about the new horticultural programs being developed by the University of Idaho in southern Idaho under the direction Steve Love and Tom Salaiz primarily focused on turf grass

Ann Bates circulated a new format for the call for proposals document.

INLA research report Ann will send me an e-copy

The meeting adjourned at 12:46 PM

Below are the minutes of the Idaho Nursery and Landscape Associations Research committee as presented to the Idaho Nursery and Florists Advisory Committee at their annual meeting on January 22, 2005.

2005 Research Committee Minutes

Proposals recommendations

1. *Pellet proposal Approve*
We would like to ask if there is another possible site in Idaho with harsher conditions?
2. *Cann proposal Approve*
3. *Barney proposal Approve*
We would like to know if the additional \$700 in this year's proposal includes travel to gather results from the Oregon site? We feel the Oregon site is very important. It's climate is similar to many Idaho areas.
4. *Tripepi proposal Approve*
We would like to ask if it is possible to add amendments to one of the gravel beds so the research is more realistic to growers environment.
5. *Tripepi 2nd proposal Deny – Ask to submit again next year*
We would like to see research on Grand Fir but would like to have the process be field dug, gravel bed to pot in pot, not back to the field. In this way it would be more beneficial to Christmas growers/sellers.

New Business

We would like to have the Advisory Board reconsider a pre-proposal process. We feel the Research Committee and the Researchers could be more effective if pre-proposals could be added back into the time line. The Advisory Board would not need to read these submittals; they could go directly to the Research Committee. The Advisory Board would then review and select from the final proposals. The only thing on the time line that would change would be the call for pre-proposals. The call for pre-proposals would need to be in April.

Greenhouse/nursery: States' ranking for cash receipts, 2003

Rank	State	U S P S	Value of receipts	Percent of total receipts	Cumulative percent 1/	Percent of State's total for all commodities	State's total for all commodities
			1,000 dollars	-----	Percent	-----	1,000 dollars
1	California	CA	3,312,977	21.8	21.8	11.9	27,804,796
2	Florida	FL	1,601,040	10.5	32.3	24.8	6,449,582
3	Texas	TX	1,324,780	8.7	41.1	8.6	15,341,961
4	North Carolina	NC	944,554	6.2	47.3	13.7	6,916,349
5	Oregon	OR	923,759	6.1	53.4	28.1	3,283,732
6	Michigan	MI	579,964	3.8	57.2	15.2	3,820,824
7	Ohio	OH	551,734	3.6	60.8	11.8	4,662,233
8	Pennsylvania	PA	395,413	2.6	63.4	9.3	4,266,265
9	Washington	WA	370,085	2.4	65.8	6.9	5,345,293
10	New Jersey	NJ	367,898	2.4	68.3	43.5	845,886
11	New York	NY	350,602	2.3	70.6	11.2	3,139,377
12	Maryland	MD	325,216	2.1	72.7	22.2	1,466,500
13	South Carolina	SC	292,887	1.9	74.6	17.8	1,644,456
14	Georgia	GA	292,367	1.9	76.6	5.6	5,246,327
15	Illinois	IL	288,951	1.9	78.5	3.5	8,289,956
16	Tennessee	TN	280,433	1.8	80.3	12.0	2,338,653
17	Alabama	AL	256,930	1.7	82.0	7.5	3,415,299
18	Colorado	CO	243,838	1.6	83.6	4.9	4,964,312
19	Wisconsin	WI	237,827	1.6	85.2	4.0	5,876,052
20	Connecticut	CT	207,834	1.4	86.5	42.9	484,832
21	Minnesota	MN	189,584	1.2	87.8	2.2	8,587,960
22	Virginia	VA	189,574	1.2	89.0	8.5	2,227,292
23	Oklahoma	OK	167,372	1.1	90.1	3.7	4,526,113
24	Indiana	IN	153,349	1.0	91.2	3.0	5,161,610
25	Massachusetts	MA	145,865	1.0	92.1	37.9	384,746
26	Arizona	AZ	99,280	0.7	92.8	3.8	2,586,022
27	Missouri	MO	98,546	0.6	93.4	2.0	4,972,762
28	Hawaii	HI	97,686	0.6	94.1	17.8	549,353
29	Iowa	IA	88,706	0.6	94.6	0.7	12,633,201
30	Kentucky	KY	75,294	0.5	95.1	2.2	3,469,003
31	Louisiana	LA	75,043	0.5	95.6	3.8	1,993,366
32	Utah	UT	72,066	0.5	96.1	6.3	1,138,153
33	Idaho	ID	71,265	0.5	96.6	1.8	3,953,243
34	New Mexico	NM	60,804	0.4	97.0	2.8	2,139,590
35	Kansas	KS	57,829	0.4	97.4	0.6	9,046,097
36	New Hampshire	NH	56,000	0.4	97.7	37.4	149,848
37	Arkansas	AR	51,931	0.3	98.1	1.0	5,298,210
38	Mississippi	MS	46,253	0.3	98.4	1.4	3,411,002
39	Rhode Island	RI	38,000	0.3	98.6	66.4	57,225
40	Delaware	DE	33,700	0.2	98.8	4.4	760,221
41	Nebraska	NE	32,800	0.2	99.1	0.3	10,621,276
42	Montana	MT	32,508	0.2	99.3	1.7	1,892,145
43	Maine	ME	25,000	0.2	99.4	5.0	498,764
44	Vermont	VT	23,000	0.2	99.6	4.8	481,650
45	South Dakota	SD	21,532	0.1	99.7	0.5	4,017,915
46	Alaska	AK	14,330	0.1	99.8	28.2	50,896
47	Nevada	NV	10,512	0.1	99.9	2.7	395,801
48	North Dakota	ND	9,915	0.1	100.0	0.3	3,777,519
49	Wyoming	WY	6,545	0.0	100.0	0.7	873,645
	United States	US	15,193,378	--	--	7.2	211,646,847

-- = Not applicable.

Numbers may not add due to rounding.

1/ The cumulative percentage is the sum of the percent of total receipts for each commodity and all preceding commodities.

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* The ERS # includes SALES of Christmas Trees - In Idaho we put
christmas trees in Misc. cash receipts -